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RE: EXP/007/019-88(A)

Dear Mr. <sup>LOWELL</sup>Braxton:

As per past conversations with you and Randy Harden, Soldier Creek Coal Company would like to extend our approved exploration plan to include an exploration cut. This exploration cut is necessary to provide additional information for final site layout design. See attached information.

The disturbance caused by this cut will be incorporated into our final plans. If for some reason this portal expansion project is terminated, all disturbances will be reclaimed to existing BLM specifications. Runoff from this site will be controlled with straw bales.

For you information, all past drill holes have been cemented per BLM request.

We would like to start work on this exploration cut in late April. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

SOLDIER CREEK COAL COMPANY

*Tom*

J.T. Paluso  
Chief Engineer

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xc: Mark Mackiewicz-BLM

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EXPLORATION CUT

- 1) The exploration cut is intended to expose the coal seam so that exact plans can be drafted and to insure the transition over the existing gas line.
- 2) Heavy equipment is planned to be used to expose the coal seam.
- 3) The area that will be exposed is composed of soil and fractured rock outcrop so it is not expected to require blasting.
- 4) If any blasting is required it will be above the existing gas line and blasting plans will be forwarded to Questar Pipeline Company prior to the blasting.
- 5) A 3(three) foot thick cap of soil will be placed over the gas line, as shown in the drawings, prior to any of the exploration work to provide additional safety and protection for the gas line.



